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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

TWO GO TO HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND FOUR TO JAIL.

Two Patients Sent to Springfield Hospital by County Commissioners.

Marriage Licenses.

Geo. W. Baumgardner, 20, and Emma G. Weaver, 17, both of Carroll county.

County Commissioners.

John Ridgely, of Freedom district, on Monday was ordered to be confined in the Springfield Hospital, at the expense of the county until cured or discharged according to the law.

Dr. Richard F. Richards, of Hampstead, was ordered confined to the Springfield Hospital.

The laws of Maryland for 1910 were received at the clerk's office on Tuesday, where they can be seen.

Orphans' Court.

Monday, August 29.—Julia A. V. McQuay, administratrix w. a., of Wm. H. McQuay, deceased, returned inventory of personal property.

Ada Elizabeth Haines, executrix of Nathan W. Gosnell, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Lewis W. Winner and Jacob F. Winner, administrators of Peter J. Winner, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and money.

Daniel J. Hesson, executor of Abraham Hesson, deceased, returned additional report of sale of real estate property, inventory of money; also report of sale of real estate upon which Court granted order nisi.

Joseph H. Study, executor of Albert Study, deceased, returned report of sale of personal property.

Tuesday, August 30.—The sale of real estate of John H. Conaway, deceased, was finally ratified and confirmed by the court.

Letters of administration on the estate of Frederick Hoffman, deceased, were granted to Francis Hoffman, who received warrant to appraise, also order to notify creditors.

Order on Union Mills Savings Bank passed directing that \$35 be paid to Mary E. Humbert, grandmother of Cora, Minnie and Elsie Beacham, infants, for their maintenance and support.

Columbus A. Charles S. and John W. Conaway, executors of John H. Conaway, deceased, received additional warrant to appraise stock.

Justice Shriver's Court.

Police Justice Edwin W. Shriver has been having a strenuous time since our last report, by the looks of his docket. He has also warrants out for several that have not been captured.

William Cox, colored, who was released from jail two weeks ago, is again a guest of Sheriff Kemper. Several of our citizens have been fined for driving on the part of Main street which is being improved.

Some of the cases disposed of: Mayor and Common Council vs. Carroll Milne and Elsie Beacham, infants; guilty; fine and costs paid.

State of Maryland vs. Edward Chaney; stealing rye on Western Md. R. R.; guilty; committed to jail for 30 days.

Mayor and Common Council vs. Wm. H. Dixon; drunk and disorderly; guilty; in default of payment of fine and costs was committed to jail.

Mayor and Common Council vs. Lillie Peterson; disturbing the peace; guilty; fine and costs paid.

State of Maryland vs. Luther De V. Whit; common tramp; guilty; sentenced to Maryland House of Correction for 6 months.

State of Maryland vs. James Williams; common tramp; guilty; sentenced to Maryland House of Correction for 6 months.

State of Maryland vs. Lewis Seipp; charge of assault; guilty; fine and costs paid.

State of Maryland vs. Daniel C. Freeman; drunk and disorderly; tried and found guilty; sentenced to pay a fine and costs; appealed to Circuit Court.

Mayor and Common Council vs. Ray and Charles Myers; quarreling and fighting; case dismissed.

Mayor and Common Council vs. Arthur Brown; drunk and disorderly; guilty; committed to jail.

Mayor and Common Council vs. Wm. Cox; drunk and disorderly; guilty; committed to jail.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Frederick L. McGlone to Bernard C. and Joseph F. McGlone, conveyers 240 acres, for \$1500.

Walter W. Ritter and wife to Robert W. Carter, convey 10 square perches, for \$500.

Amrose S. Whitehill to Greenbury R. Sappington, conveyers 15,463 square feet, for \$925.

Geo. W. Albaugh Real Estate & Brokerage Company to Jesse F. Christ and wife, convey 1 acre, 2 rods and 23 square perches, for \$1,000.

Wm. B. Keller et al. to Wm. D. Hopkins, convey 36 acres, for \$2700.

Wm. D. Hopkins to Lawrence B. Doyle et al., conveyers 36 acres, for \$2700.

Rosie Belle Folk and husband to John T. Albaugh, convey ½ acre, for \$1,225.

John T. Albaugh and wife to Jonas T. Warhime and wife, convey ½ acre, for \$1800.

John T. Fuhrman to Margaret A. Fuhrman, convey 5 acres, 1 rood and 9 square perches, for \$1,000.

John P. Frank and wife to James T. Harris and wife, convey 35 acres, for \$750.

Wm. Yount and wife to Elizabeth Wetly, convey 2 acres, for \$300.

H. Coppersmith, convey 18 acres, 3 rods and 18 perches, for \$943.12.

Joe R. Wampler and wife to Ida R. Mann, convey 6 acres, for \$175.

Henry W. Winters and wife to Joseph Formwalt, convey property, for \$1600.

Milton Hall and wife to George W. Crouse, convey 1 acre and 143 square perches, for \$65.

Walter H. P. Koutz and wife to Geo. W. Crouse, convey 7 acres, 1 rood and 20 square perches, for \$240.

CONFIRMED A CLASS OF 48.

Cardinal Gibbons Given a Large Reception.

Cardinal Gibbons visited Libertytown Saturday and preached Sunday morning in St. Peter's Catholic Church, taking for his text, "Confirmation and the Sacraments." Following the service he confirmed a class of 48 persons—28 boys and 20 ladies and girls.

The Cardinal went from this city Saturday with Mr. T. Herbert Shriver and party in a touring car, and was the guest of Rev. Samuel J. Kavanaugh, pastor of St. Peter's. At the morning service he preached to a large congregation. Other priests in the sanctuary were Revs. Joseph H. Cassidy, of St. Stephen's Church, Washington; Joseph C. Mallon, this city; Cornelius J. Dacey, St. Elizabeth's Church, Baltimore; and A. J. Conlon, St. John's Church, Frederick.

After the confirmation the Cardinal spoke to the solemnity of the sacrament they had received, and admonished the boys in regard to temperance. At the conclusion of his remarks he exacted a pledge from the boys to refrain from intoxicants until 21 years old.

From the church the Cardinal was escorted to the Opera House, where he was given a large reception by the town folks. Besides many Catholics many from other denominations greeted him. He reviewed the church and surroundings and spoke in flattering terms of the success of Father Kavanaugh's rectorship in that community. He left Sunday afternoon with Mr. Shriver and party, returning to this city.

A Surprise Birthday Party.

For the Advocate.

On Tuesday evening, August 30, the many friends of Miss Iova Ogg gathered at her home, 628 Summit, and gave her a delightful surprise on her birthday. She had been out visiting and came home late in the evening and was surprised to see the smiling faces of so many of her friends.

Quite a large crowd gathered before she was aware there was a surprise party in store for her.

The evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music and playing party plays, in which old and young took part. Music was furnished by Messrs. Edward Little, Bernard Fowler and George Freyman.

At a late hour a call came for all to come into the dining room, where refreshments were served in abundance. All expressed themselves as having spent a most delightful evening, and after having wished Miss Iova many more such birthdays departed for their homes.

Those present were Geo. Freyman and wife, Mrs. Ernest Ogg, Misses Ida Wolf and wife, Geo. Hoffman and wife, Frank Freyman and wife, Dennis Green and wife, Butler Gorsuch and wife, Charles Fowler and wife, Harry Ogg and wife, Mrs. Rash, Mrs. Elizabeth Ogg, Mrs. O. S. Ogg, Misses Ogg, Mrs. Carrie Gzell, Mary Rash, Blanch Stockdale, Lena Gzell, Beattie Green, Della Ogg, Mary Stockdale, Hattie Rash, Nellie Hoffman, Lillie Rash, Christine Ogg, Ida Ogg, Mrs. George Kliziah Fowler, and Grace Ogg; Messrs. Edward Little, George Gzell, Edward Heagy, Noah Stockdale, Bernard Fowler, Irwin Heagy, John Magee, Paul Green, Dallas Shipley, Carl Rash, Lewis Gorsuch, Carroll Williams, Willard Ogg, Russell Freyman, Stanley Ogg, Clarence Freyman and J. Wilbur Freyman.

Family Reunion.

For the Advocate.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Yingling, Liberty street, on Saturday and Sunday. The following were present: Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harden and daughter, of Forestville; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yingling and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yingling and daughter, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Nelson and two children, of Portland, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Guy N. Pringer and two children, and Misses Grace and Anna Yingling, this city.

Freight Department Stung.

The freight and ticket department of the W. M. R. R. rolled five games of duck pins on Thomson's alleys for the championship of the two departments. There was a great deal of wind wanted before the games were rolled, so to how they were going to eat each other up in rolling. The games were rolled last week and by the looks of the scores, the freighters must have made a good many miscues.

Deed Fans Church Feud.

Pottsville, Pa.—A unique deed, entered at the Recorder's office, is from Isaac Bendigo, of Orwin, to the Orwin Union Sunday school for a new church. The deed stipulates that when the new church is erected on the plot given, in the main street of Orwin, the Rev. Wallace Miller, pastor of the United Brethren Church at that place, shall forever be debarred from holding an office or preaching a sermon in the church, and that Henry Brown, an elder, shall also be debarred from holding an office in said church or congregation.

Several months ago a split occurred in the ranks of the Sunday schools. The Orwin Union Sunday school used to hold its sessions at the church of the United Brethren, but, owing to the pastor's determination to return the school to the Conference as a United Brethren school and not as a United Sunday school factions arose and the Union Sunday school club determined to erect its own church.

STREET IMPROVEMENT.

EAST MAIN STREET NOW OPEN FOR TRAVEL TO COURT STREET.

Tar Is 260 Degrees Before Being Applied to Street—Fine Road When Completed.

CONFIRMED A CLASS OF 48.

A month ago Westminster started to repair Main street. Since then the work has been progressing rapidly, except for unavoidable delays, caused by the failure of contractors to live up to their agreements. The first tank car of the tar, not having the proper consistency and not being in accord with specifications, was rejected and since then the large size stone has not arrived, in some cases, as rapidly as promised.

The work being done is under the direct supervision of Engineers of the Office of Public Roads, a branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. For about twenty years the Government has been endeavoring to teach the public how to build roads, and the work it has done and the information gathered, which is distributed in a bulletin form, is of incalculable value. The road being built here is the best that science and experience knows of to-day and Westminster should have, when finished, the best road that can be constructed for the money in Maryland.

In performing this work, the grade fixed for the streets of the town by the Goldsboro Survey, years ago, is followed. Although in many places the gutters are out of grade, this fact is ignored and the road is made true to the established line. This causes an abruptness to appear here and there, owing to the fact that the gutters are not on a shoulder for the road bed, and will necessitate the gutters later being put on grade.

The first part of the work consists of digging up so much of the surface of the street as is required to get it on grade. This is done by spiking with the steam rollers, the top of the street and alleys. The stones are left in rows on the street and immediately worked uniformly over the surface. Wooden pegs are then driven every 25 or 30 feet across the street, the top of which represent the proposed grade, and new stones spread on the old the height necessary to bring it to the contour fixed by the pegs. The street is then rolled slightly.

After this work is done the tar follows. The preparation used is a by-product of the United Gas and Improvement Company of Philadelphia and its consistency is greater than that employed by the State of Maryland in its work. The tar on our street is so heavy that having been made for it by chemists of the Government. The old street sprinkler is used in spraying this material, the tar first being heated to a temperature of about 260 degrees. This heating is done while the tar is in the tank cars in which it shipped, which are equipped with steam pipes through which steam is pumped from an ordinary engine.

To the street sprinkler is attached two pieces of large hose with a fan-shaped nozzle. One man holds each hose and as the steam roller pulls the sprinkler slowly over the street the men spread the tar over the surface of the road bed.

Immediately behind the street sprinkler follows wagons with small stones which are spread over the tarred surface. These are then rolled, and another thin coat of tar applied, which is called "painting." After this another layer of small chips of stone, called the "sewerage" course, is applied which is also rolled. The street is then opened to traffic.

Main street is now finished from the Washington Road to Court street and the next task of tar should complete it beyond the bridge. The weather work progresses rapidly and weather conditions being favorable and no mishaps occurring, the month of September should see the work of repairing Main street, for a distance of over 6000 feet long and 30 feet wide, completed. The town will then have a piece of work that will not only be a credit to it, but an object lesson of all road builders.

A Silver Tea.

For the Advocate.

The "Silver Tea" given at Ascension Rectory on Saturday evening last, was not only highly successful from the usual standpoint of a church entertainment, but as a social function as well. The attendance was very large, both of the members and friends of the parish in Westminster, and also of summer visitors to the city. Among the ladies who assisted Mrs. Gibson were Mrs. Edwin W. Shriver, Mrs. Frank Pouke, Mrs. Charles Capito Smith, of Baltimore, Mrs. Kemp, Miss Dorothy A. Albaugh, Miss Frances G. Seabrook, Miss Mary Billingslee and Miss Camille Bonnotte. The ever popular "grab-bag" was in charge of Misses Josephine Reifelder and Virginia Carmichael. A musical programme was rendered by Mrs. Elmer Bacon, of Washington; Miss Frances G. Seabrook and Miss Azaela Shipley.

Another entertainment of the same kind, and for the same purpose, will be given at the rectory on Friday, September 9, and the music for the occasion will be furnished by members of the Westminster Orchestra.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday school 9.15 a. m. Preaching 10.30 a. m., by Rev. L. T. Wilder. Music, D. D. Vesper service 8 o'clock. Address by Rev. O. C. Marriott. Music by the choir.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Persons who contemplate going away, or have left them, and desire publication of same, will please send the names to this office.

Miss Mary Gehr, Bond street, is visiting friends in Delaware.

Mr. Frank Shaw, of Williamsport, Md., is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Mattie Hull, of Roland Park, is visiting relatives near this city.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold M. Rider, of Baltimore, spent this week in this city.

Miss Emma Bricker, of Baltimore, is spending several days with friends in this city.

Miss Mildred Lyon, of Baltimore, is a guest of the Misses Shriver, West Green street.

Miss Edith Shaw, of Baltimore, was a guest of Mrs. E. O. D'Fendal, Bond street, this week.

Miss Gertrude Null, of this city, is spending some time in Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Miss Shriner, of Eton, Pa., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Pearce Wantz, West Main street.

Miss Goodwin, of Baltimore, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Foutz, West Main street.

Miss Beesie Clark, of Frederickburg, Va., is a guest of Miss Cora Butler, West Main street.

Mrs. Emma L. Kerchner, of Cranberry, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fritz, Glyndon, last week.

Harry E. Little, of Baltimore, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Little, Liberty street.

Miss Ruth Stovall, of Baltimore, is a guest of Miss Jessie Shaw, Pennsylvania avenue, this week.

Mr. J. Frank D'Fendal left on Monday for the South on business. He will be some several months.

Mr. William Case, of Hagerstown, Md., spent some time with his brother, Frank Case, E. Green street.

Mrs. A. W. Westfall and daughter Sarah, of Altoona, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Charles Stonestier, this city.

Mr. J. Paul Earnest, of Washington, D. C., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Cunningham.

Miss Effie Fowle, of Baltimore, is spending some time with her brother, Harry D. Fowle, West Main street.

Mr. J. Preston Logue, of Philadelphia, has been spending a week with his mother, E. Green street, this city.

Mrs. Thomas K. Shaw, Pennsylvania avenue, returned this week from a pleasant trip to Atlantic City and New York.

Mrs. Malanchton Myers and daughter Margaret, of Baltimore, are spending ten days with friends in this county.

Miss Eva Boring, of Hampden, Md., was a guest of Mrs. Scott Jordan, in Green street, last and part of this week.

Mrs. Beesie Warehime and Pearl, children, Herbert and Pearl, spent Sunday with the uncle, John T. Ward and family.

Miss Bertha Bricker, of Baltimore, who spent last week with Miss Flossie Handley, West Main street returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Snyder and daughter Esther, of Washington, D. C., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Shaw, Pennsylvania avenue.

Frank and Miss Eva Gilbert, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Hann, and aunt, the Misses Gilbert, Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. Paul Winchester, editor of the Evening Press, Frederick, Md., spent Wednesday evening in this city. He was also a welcome visitor to the Advocate.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Cunningham and son Motter, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr. Cunningham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stauffer and Mrs. Helen Ingelbright, of Taneytown, who had been visiting their sister and brother in Hanover, returned home this week.

Mr. Edward Berry, of Memphis, Tenn., is spending some time in this city visiting friends. Mr. Berry resided in this city 30 years ago, and this is his second visit here in that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yingling and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yingling and child, of Harrisburg, Pa., are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Yingling, Liberty street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Ward and two children, Marguerite and Robert, of Dayton, Ohio, have returned home after a visit of ten days with his parents, John T. Ward and family, near this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoffacker, of Manchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Hoffacker, East Green street, are on a week's tour in Mr. J. W. Hoffacker's automobile to Atlantic City and other places of interest.

Mrs. Dr. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Johns, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Geo. R. Gehr, Bond street, made a trip to Gettysburg and Pen-Mar in Mr. Theodore Engler's automobile. Mr. Harry Owings was the chauffeur.

Mr. James Pearce Wantz and wife, Misses Shriner and Goodwin and Mr. C. O. Clemenson attended the operatic and vaudeville performance given at Clairvaux, near Emmitsburg, on Tuesday evening. The party made the trip in Mr. Wantz's automobile. Mr. Geo. Jackson, of this city, who took part in the opera, is spoken of as one of the stars by the Evening Press of Frederick.

Questionable.

Cleveland Leader—Maudie—That horrid old dot Claude that I was 40 years old.

Mamie—The mean thing. But she might have done worse.

Maudie—How?

Mamie—Well, she might have told some lie about you.

FATALLY BURNED.

MRS. WM. B. BROWN DIES 11 HOURS AFTER ACCIDENT.

A Pot of Liniment She Was Boiling Exploded.

Mrs. Mary Brown, wife of William H. Brown, was so severely burned about 5 o'clock Monday morning that she died from her injuries about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at her home near this city.

She was preparing a liniment of which turpentine was used as an ingredient, and in lifting the vessel in which it was being heated from the stove, some drops fell upon the fire, which blazed up and ignited the whole mass in an explosion, scattering the burning liniment over her clothing.

Her face, neck, arms, hands and breast, abdomen and limbs were badly burned. On her breast the flesh bubbled down in long strips.

Dr. Connon and Fouts were hurriedly summoned and did all in their power to relieve her suffering, until she died at the time stated above.

Her husband, who was in an upstairs room, on hearing her screams hurried down stairs and threw a coat around her head to save her face and hair, and was badly burned on the side of the body and one hand also.

Mr. Brown is employed by the post-office department as a rural mail carrier on route 11.

She was 29 years of age. She is survived by a husband and 8 children, the oldest being 16 years and the youngest 15 months of age.

Mr. Brown was a daughter of Emanuel Yingling, of York, Pa.

Funeral services took place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at her late residence, Rev. Harold M. Rider, former pastor of the M. E. Church, officiating. Interment was in the Westminster Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Dohnea Nygren, William D. Reese, Reuben Humbert, Wm. H. Stansbury, James Hook and Edward Yingling. F. A. Sharrer funeral director.

THE HANOVER FAIR.

Every Indication for a Large and Interesting Exhibition, Sep. 20-23.

The 26th annual exhibition of the Hanover Fair, September 20-23, 1910, will be bigger and better than ever, if the expectations of the managers are realized. They are making extensive preparations for increased exhibits in every department. The premium list has been revised and the prizes in many classes increased. Applications for space, stalls, etc., are coming in daily.

A large number of horses are already promised for the races, which will be held on each of the four days, the purse aggregating over \$1,000.

The poultry show, great success the past few years, promises to break the record this year.

The Hanover Fair was one of the first in the State to engage special attractions, and the performers engaged for the coming fair are among the best in their several lines. "The Three Renards," aerial artists from abroad; the Carl Dammann Family, who feature acrobatic novelties; Joe and Ella, Pondler, slack wire and double juggling; Thompson & Flexon, ballonists, one of whom makes 8 parachute drops from a single ascension; the Tennis Duo, two dainty young club jugglers; form a programme at once varied, sensational and wonderful.

Remember the date, September 20-23, and visit the Hanover Fair.

Fresh-Air Houses Best for Poultry.

In "Bulletin No. 145," just issued, the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station presents the results of its investigations as to the best methods of housing poultry, instituted two years ago with the object of determining, if possible, the type of house best adapted to the climate of this State. The following conclusions were arrived at:

That the cost of tight, double-walled construction is greater than that of any other type and that the fertility and hatching quality of eggs are very much better in less expensive fresh-air houses; that the amount of food eaten by the fowls does not appear to be influenced by housing conditions; that the general health of adult fowls does not appear to be seriously impaired by environmental conditions; that egg production is largely influenced by the action of individual hens, rather than by environment; and that the fertility and hatchability of eggs are much better in the open and cloth-front houses, where the fowls are allowed free access to yards or range. The experiments seem to indicate that the hooded-roost is not necessary for Maryland.

Besides a comprehensive description of the way the experiments were conducted, the bulletin contains illustrations of a number of the houses which entered into the investigations.

This bulletin, with others issued by the Station will be mailed free of charge to all residents of Maryland who apply for it. Visitors are welcomed to the Station at all times.

Grace Lutheran Church.

Sunday school and adult Bible classes 9 a. m. Divine service, conducted by the pastor, at 10.30 a. m., and 7.45 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m.

Methodist Protestant Church.

9.30 a. m. Sunday school and adult Bible class. 10.30 a. m. Public Worship.

Wounded Crane Takes Man's Eye.

Carrollton, Pa.—While holding a crane which had been slightly wounded by Joseph Warrender, aged twenty-three, was unable to dodge its beak and the bird pecked out his left eye. Because of sympathetic nerve trouble it is believed he will lose the other eye.

WEDDING BELLS.

Hopwood—Whippis.

The wedding of Miss Natalie J. Whippis, daughter of Mr. William F. Whippis, of Oakland Mills, Md., and Mr. Charles T. Hopwood took place at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Baltimore. The wedding was very quiet and was attended only by a few intimate friends of the family. The bride was attired in a handsome cream-colored traveling suit, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Hampton S. Wilson, of Hanover, Pa., who acted as best man and matron of honor.

After the ceremony a luncheon was served at a hotel, after which the couple left for a trip to Atlantic City. They will reside in St. Denis, where the groom is engaged in business.

Does Wonders with Figures.

Hubbardtown, Mich.—Squaring the number 17 and squaring its product 17 successive times, without the aid of a paper and pencil, is the unusual stunt performed by Thomas C. O'Neil, a resident of Hubbardtown. The villagers took the answer, which occupied a roll of paper 650 feet in length, and locked it up in a safe. Six months later it was removed and O'Neil repeated the list of figures, both forward and backward, from memory.

In every Hubbardtown store one may find evidences of O'Neil's phenomenal ability of mental arithmetic. He foots columns thirty-six feet in length as rapidly as he can glance over them. When a farmer wishes to know how many feet of wire fence he will need to inclose a certain area he asks O'Neil, and the latter, without even pausing in his discussion of politics, will give him the answer at once.

O'Neil's one diversion is his love for figures. He does not attempt to account for his queer talent. He only says that the answer is flashed on his brain like a photograph the minute a problem is propounded. He says figures are always before him. He sees them all the time, but they mean nothing unless a problem is propounded, and then they arrange themselves before him and he can read them as though they actually were written.

O'Neil's talent came to light thirty years ago in one of the Michigan district schools. The teachers asked some one of his class to volunteer to square nineteen. Without a bit of hesitation O'Neil then a mere lad, jumped to his feet and gave the answer. The teacher was suspicious and the lad was kept after school. Then the boy demonstrated his wonderful powers in mathematics.

"Got" Religion as Prosecutor Spoke.

Huntington, W. Va.—In the Circuit Court of